

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A telephone comprising:

a storage unit for storing names to be called and corresponding telephone numbers;

an operating unit, including a plurality of numeric keys that are each assigned different characters, for receiving key operations made by a user;

a judgment means for, when a numeric key on the operation unit is pressed, judging whether the press continues for at least a predetermined time,

a searching means for searching the storage unit, when the judgment means has judged affirmatively, when a numeric key on the operating unit is pressed for at least a predetermined time, for names that include a character assigned to the pressed numeric key; and

a display means for displaying a search result; and

an accepting means for, when the judgment means has judged negatively, accepting a number assigned to the pressed numeric key as an input of a telephone number,

wherein the display means:

displays a predetermined number of names from the names found by the searching means, one of the displayed names being in a selection state, the name in the selection state being displayed differently to other names; and

when a selection changing operation is received by the operating unit, places another name that is currently being displayed into the selection state.

2. (Original) The telephone of Claim 1, wherein:

the searching means holds the search result in the form of a list of names found in the search; and

the display means updates a display with at least one name from the name list that is not currently displayed, when the operating unit receives a display updating operation.

3. (Original) The telephone of Claim 2, wherein:

the operating unit has a display update key for updating the display of the search result; and

the display updating operation is a press of the display update key.

4. (Original) The telephone of Claim 3, wherein:

the storage unit further stores group classifications corresponding to the names;

each group classification is assigned to one of the numeric keys; and

when the operating unit receives a second key press of the same key for at least the predetermined time, the searching means finds names having a group classification assigned to the pressed numeric key.

5. (Original) The telephone of Claim 2, wherein:

the operating unit has up and down keys;

the display updating operation is a press of one of the up and down keys for at least the predetermined time; and

the display means updates the display by:

(1) displaying names from the name list that follow the currently displayed names, when the down key is pressed for at least the predetermined time; and

(2) displaying names from the name list that precede the currently displayed names, when the up key is pressed for at least the predetermined time.

6. (Currently amended) The telephone of Claim 2, wherein the display updating operation is a second press of [[a]] the numeric key that was previously pressed, for at least the predetermined time.

7. (Original) The telephone of Claim 1, wherein the display means:
displays a predetermined number of names from the names found by the searching means, one of the displayed names being in a selection state, the name in the selection state being displayed differently to other names; and

when a selection changing operation is received by the operating unit, places another name that is currently being displayed into the selection state.

8. (Original) The telephone of Claim 7, wherein:

the operating unit has a select key for moving the selection state; and
the selection changing operation is a press of the select key.

9. (Original) The telephone of Claim 8, wherein:

the storage unit further stores group classifications corresponding to the names;

each group classification is assigned to one of the numeric keys; and

when the operating unit receives a second key press of the same key for at least the predetermined time, the searching means finds names having a group classification assigned to the pressed numeric key.

10. (Original) The telephone of Claim 7, wherein:

the operating unit has up and down keys;

the selection changing operation is a press of one of the up and down keys for less than the predetermined time; and

the display means places in the selection state:

(1) a name displayed following a name currently in the selection state, when the down key is pressed for less than the predetermined time; and

(2) a name displayed preceding a name currently in the selection state, when the up key is pressed for less than the predetermined time.

11. (Currently amended) The telephone of Claim 7, wherein:

the selection changing operation is a second press of the ~~same~~ numeric key that was previously pressed, for at least the predetermined time.

12. (Original) The telephone of Claim 7, comprising:

a calling means for reading from the storage unit, when a call operation is received from the operating means, a telephone number corresponding to a name on the display unit currently in the selection state, and calling the telephone number.

13. (Currently amended) The telephone of Claim 12, wherein the call operation is a repeated press, for a predetermined number of times within a predetermined period, of the ~~same~~ numeric key that was previously pressed ~~for at least the predetermined~~ time.

14. (Previously presented) A telephone comprising:

a storage unit for storing names to be called and corresponding telephone numbers;

an operating unit, including a plurality of numeric keys that are each assigned different characters, for receiving key operations made by a user;

a searching means for searching the storage unit for names that include a character assigned to the pressed numeric key, when a book mode is activated and without receiving any other key operation; and

a display means for displaying a search result,

wherein said book mode is activated when one of said numeric keys is pressed for at least a predetermined time, and when the pressed numeric key is again pressed for at least said predetermined time, said searching means cease to repeat

said searching of the storage unit for said names that include said character assigned to the pressed numeric key, and wherein:

the searching means holds the search result in the form of a list of names found in the search; and

the display means:

(1) displays a predetermined number of names from the name list, one of the displayed names in a selection state, the name in the selection state being displayed differently to other names;

(2) updates a display with names from the name list that are not currently displayed, when the operating unit receives a display updating operation; and

(3) places another name that is currently being displayed into the selection state, when the operating unit receives a selection changing operation.

15. (Original) The telephone of Claim 14, wherein:

the operating unit has a display update key for updating the display of the search result, and a select key for placing a name from the search result into the selection state;

the display updating operation is a press of the display update key; and

the selection changing operation is a press of the select key.

16. (Original) The telephone of Claim 14,

the storage unit further stores group classifications corresponding to the names;

each group classification is assigned to one of the numeric keys; and
when the operating unit receives a second key press of the same key for at least the predetermined time, the searching means finds names having a group classification assigned to the pressed numeric key.

17. (Original) The telephone of Claim 14, wherein:

the operating unit has up and down keys;

the display updating operation is a press of one of the up and down keys for at least the predetermined time;

the selection changing operation is a press of one of the up and down keys for less than the predetermined time;

the display means:

(1) updates the display by:

(a) displaying names from the name list that follow the currently displayed names, when the down key is pressed for at least the predetermined time; and

(b) displaying names from the name list that precede the currently displayed names, when the up key is pressed for at least the predetermined time, and

(2) places in the selection state:

(A) a name displayed following a name currently in the selection state, when the down key is pressed for less than the predetermined time; and

(B) a name displayed preceding a name currently in the selection state, when the up key is pressed for less than the predetermined time.

18. (Original) The telephone of Claim 14, wherein:

the display updating operation is a second press of a numeric key for at least the predetermined time; and

the selection changing operation is a press, for less than the predetermined time, of the same numeric key that was previously pressed for at least the predetermined time.

19. (Original) The telephone of Claim 18, comprising a calling means for reading from the storage unit, when a call operation is received from the operating means, a telephone number corresponding to a name on the display unit currently in the selection state, and calling the telephone number,

wherein the call operation is a repeated press, for a predetermined number of times within a predetermined period, of the same numeric key that was previously pressed for at least the predetermined time.

20. (Original) The telephone of Claim 14, comprising a calling means for reading from the storage unit, when a call operation is received from the operating means, a telephone number corresponding to a name on the display unit currently in the selection state, and calling the telephone number.

21. (Original) The telephone of Claim 20, wherein the call operation is a repeated press, for a predetermined number of times within a predetermined period, of the same numeric key that was previously pressed for at least the predetermined time.

22. (Canceled)